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May Build River Boat

Word comes down the river from Telegraph Creek that there is every probability that the firm of Hyland & Belfrey will build and operate a steamer for the Stikine river business. Their present intentions are to construct the hull and house during the coming winter, and float it down to this point for the installation of the motive power, which will be done as soon as the river is open and safe for that style of travel in the spring. The vessel will be in the neighborhood of eighty feet in length, with a beam of sixteen or seventeen feet, and carrying a capacity of about thirty tons on a two foot draught. Messrs. Hyland & Belfrey are now doing the lion's share of the up-river business, and will be in a position to materially increase the same when they have their own transportation facilities. It is said that all is not as smooth as it might be between this firm and the Hudsons Bay Co., and a fight for the commercial supremacy will probably be waged in the up-river country during the next few years. The immense amount of railroad

Returns From Telegraph

The power canoe Big Chief arrived in from Telegraph Creek last Thursday afternoon, after a trip of 13 hours down the river between points. The trip up with the Disston hunting party was made in about 59 hours actual running time the power being ample at all points lining being avoided until the big rifle this side of Glenora was reached. Seven passengers, considerable fur and the mail were brought down. Fred Johnston was in charge of the engine on the trip.

Sing Lee came down from Petersburg Tuesday evening.

construction now under way or contemplated in the country tributary to the Skeena make the dispatching of a steamer from that district every summer a losing proposition on the face of it, but whether the Hudsons Bay Co. will allow a rival concern to strengthen itself at their expense is an altogether different story, and the probabilities are that next season will see two vessels plying between this port and Telegraph.

Pipe Line Reaches Beach

In spite of the bad weather Foreman Moen and his crew have been pounding right along with the work of laying the pipe down the hill from the dam, and reached the beach line today. This completes the worst part of the pipe laying as the balance is along the beach, and with the exception that the shifting sand will impede matters somewhat, it will all be easy going.

Attorney W. A. Barnhill has in hand the matter of drawing up the necessary ordinance for the government of the waterworks, which will probably be received and passed within the next thirty days, so that everything should be in shape to turn the water on when the dam is completed. Those who claim to know seem to be of the opinion that the water will be in the pipes and the Wrangell City Water Works doing business not later than the middle of October, and probably before. Yesterday Mayor McCormack and Councilman Grant combed the town with a fine toothed comb looking for volunteers for work on the system, and this morning a big crowd turned out.

It is expected that the system can be completely installed, with everything in good shape, with an indebtedness of not to exceed \$4000.00, and the probabilities are that it will be considerably less than that. The deficit will be taken care of by local business men who have already settled for the pipe with the manufacturing company. And then all that will be necessary for us to do will be to pipe our houses, have them connected with the mains, turn the faucet and the water will do the rest.

Experience Bad Blow

The gale yesterday noon was certainly a hummer, and for a while things were on the move along the waterfront. The steamers Alaska and Starlight dragged their anchors, and a couple of launches broke adrift, but everything was gotten into shape again without any damage resulting. Reports from the straits were that a tremendous sea was kicked up out there, shutting off communication from that direction.

John Bang, the crab man, was a passenger south on the last Humboldt for Seattle, whither he goes to bring north his family, and will hereafter make his home in Wrangell.

The fall term of the U. S. school opened this week. Mrs. Pucey is in charge.

Ed Kalkins and Karta Case were out hunting this week and got some mowitch. We know because we got some of it.

Busy Days at Court House

Friday and Saturday of last week were Petersburg days at the Court House, Indian Policeman Coffin having brought over a bunch for trial. They were Oscar Kasheets, James Jackson and wife, James Scott and wife, all charged with disturbing the peace; and George Keytsah, Charles James and Harry Berkeley, charged with supplying natives with liquor. The trials resulted in all being discharged but Oscar Kasheets, who was fined \$20.00 and costs, and will be a guest of Uncle Sam until he has worked out that amount. In the other cases there wasn't evidence enough to hold them.

Bob Robinson, a well known prospector of the up-river country, came down the river last week and left for Prince Rupert where he will spend the winter.

George Thompson and John Smith, prospectors who have been in the Cassiar country since the early '70s, were passengers from Telegraph on the Big Chief, and left on Saturday's steamer for the old prospectors' home at Kamloops, B. C.

Almost A Wreck

The big tug Goliath with the barge General Fairchild in tow made port this morning after a hard trip down from Funter Bay. For the past two days she has been struggling to make the straits between here and Ketchikan, but had to give up the fight last night when the big towing hauser parted while the vessels were about 20 miles this side of Ketchikan. It was with the greatest difficulty that the barge with 58,000 cases was saved from going ashore. They will remain here until the weather moderates.

The hunters report that deer are scarcer this year than they have been for several years. The hard winter this last season is no doubt responsible for this latter condition.

Dr. Clay, the dentist, who has been practicing his profession at Telegraph Creek, came down on the Big Chief, and has resumed his offices at the Wrangell Hotel.

Sam Spooner and Wm. Woodhouse came down the river in the big canoe and will winter in the states.

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OF COURSE

Under the caption "Judge Lyons Makes Good," the Fairbanks Times gives voice to the following well merited tribute to the Hon. Thomas R. Lyons now occupying the bench in the U. S. District Court in that city.

"The manner in which the court has dispatched business during the past week has been a revelation to the town, and, it may be added, a source of delight. It is almost a novel experience in this valley to have a court which keeps up a steady grind all day long, one which gives attorneys all the time they need or desire for the presentation of their testimony and arguments and still keeps them to their knitting every minute. Another phase of the court's way of doing business which appeals to lawyers and laymen alike, is his relentless following of the law. There is no attempt to break into the domain of the legislature, no attempt to make laws instead of interpreting them.

Moreover, there is no political by-play, no attempt to build up or tear down any particular interests. A faithful effort, a deadly-earnest effort is made to apply the law impartially, and to follow it wherever it may lead. In an old community this fact would cause no comment, indeed would be hardly observed; for in such communities that is the regular order of things. But in new regions, especially it seems in mining camps, courts frequently seem to feel called upon to modify the law, to reshape it, to shade it off, to refine it away, and,

in some cases to ignore it entirely. This inevitably leads to confusion worse confounded, to uncertainty, doubt fear and distrust, and this causes and provokes a large part of the litigation which burdens the people.

Such a court is a mill which creates its own grist. Instead of settling disputes and promoting peace of life and stability of property rights, it unsettles the life, business and titles of the community. On the other hand, a judge who follows the law unwaveringly, brings calm to his jurisdiction, is as oil on the troubled waters, and spreads abroad a feeling that the rights of person and property are certain, secure and inviolable.

Another thing about the present incumbent of our bench, which excites favorable comment is his way of deciding questions as soon as they are presented. Except when time for further research and study is desired, he decides it immediately. There is no "hanging fire" and questions which require further investigation are studied forthwith and then immediately disposed of. Judge Lyons has for years been in the habit of working efficiently and at high pressure. He still has that habit. If he continues in the pace and manner of doing business with which he has started, no country need desire a better judge."

An Ignorant Salesman

An uncouth looking and overdressed young man entered a drug store and said:
"Gimme a brush!"

"Very good, sir," said the polite assistant. "What kind of a brush—a toothbrush?"
"Toothbrush! Naw!" snarled the customer. "What would I want a toothbrush fur? Do yer think I've got hair on my teeth?"

A little girl was greatly interested in watching the men in her grandfather's orchard putting bands of tar around the fruit trees, and asked a great many questions. Some weeks later she was in the city with her mother, and noticed a man with a mourning band encircling his left sleeve.

"Mamma," she asked, "what's to keep them from crawling up his other arm?"

Four old Scotsmen, the remnant of a club formed fifty years ago, were seated round the table in the clubroom. It was 5 a. m. and Dougal looked across at Donald and said in a thick, sleepy voice: "Donald, d'ye notice what an awfu' peculiar expression there is on Jock's face?"

"Aye," says Donald, "I notice that. He's deed! He's been deed these four hours."

"Whet? Deed! Why did ye no tell me?"

"Ah, no—no—no," said Donald. "A'm no that kind o' man to disturb a convivial evening."

In the neighborhood of 150 dozen crabs are being shipped from this place to Seattle on the City of Seattle this trip.

The Jefferson went across to the back channel this morning on her way to the Santa Ana cannery where she will load canned salmon.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Peter C. Jensen, administrator of the estate of Henry Siemer, deceased, having filed his final account in said estate, the Court has fixed Saturday, October 23, 1909, as the day for hearing objections and final hearing in said estate.

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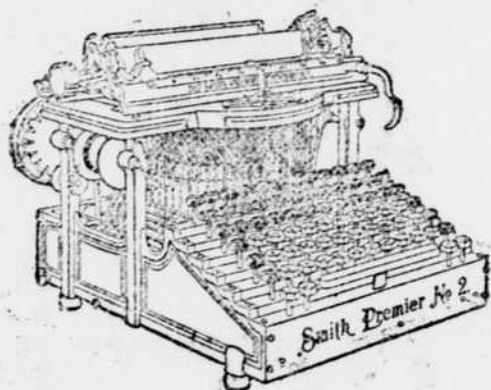
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Here And There In The North

Frank Hilder was given six months in jail at Dawson for passing a worthless check.

The effort will be made to operate the Copper River & Northwestern railroad as far as completed all winter. At the present time much of the freight for interior points which formerly was dispatched via Valdez, is now being handled by this route.

By the first of next month, the Alaska Central railroad will have been completed to mile post 72 of the 180 between Seward and the Matanuska coal fields.

Beaver Creek copper camp, on the upper White river, is cut in two by the boundary line being run this season between the Yukon Territory and Alaska.

A Fairbank's attorney named J. J. Rogers, and a resident of Alaska since 1897, formerly court commissioner at Skagway, died last month at Victoria, B. C.

Chas. Strangeland of the Pullman, Wash., agricultural college, has been appointed to collect the statistics on Alaska mines in connection with the census of 1910.

William Quinn, a well known sportsman, was found dead in his bed at Nome. A coroner's inquest disclosed death to have been caused by rheumatism of the heart.

A scow loaded with material to be used in the construction of Cape Hinchinbrook lighthouse broke away from the launches towing it and disappeared in the darkness.

Ernest Rheinmuth, of Skagway, is at Seattle looking for a Marathon race. He raced the mail stage

from Porcupine to 20-mile post and beat it, going the 20 miles in 2 hours and 20 minutes.

John Kehoe, of the Tanana, shipped four cows to St. Michael on the steamer Mackinaw. The cows gave milk en route and the crew drank it, and now Kehoe wants the company to pay him for the milk, of which he says there was 90 gallons.

Charles Warner and Swen Carlson, laymen on No. 7, Jack Wade creek, picked up in a pot hole on bed rock a 65-ounce nugget, valued at \$1,103.25. They will operate on a large scale this winter.

Falcon Joslin and other prominent Alaskans are framing an administration bill for the government to guarantee the interest on 4 per cent bonds for the construction of 2000 miles of railroads. It is proposed to have the guarantee fund come from the sale of government lands in Alaska. In speaking of the railroad situation as far as the interior is concerned, Mr. Joslin says, "Haines is the logical gateway to Fairbanks and the Tanana valley. A straight line drawn from Fairbanks to Haines, follows the valley of the Tanana river, to its head near the international line, and at the other end follows the valley of the Chilkat river. Instead of running crosswise over the mountain ranges, it runs lengthwise between them until the mountains themselves remove their obstructiveness by dividing accommodatingly at the ocean."

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The launch Zarembo, with Capt. Wm. DuBois and wife as crew, sailed for the south last Friday morning, their destination being Seattle. The Carlsons, who were to accompany them, backed out at the last moment, so DuBois and his wife had to make the trip alone. The weather since their departure has been very stormy and the probabilities are that they are tied up in some little bay waiting for the weather to moderate. They expected to make the trip in nine or ten days.

"Big Bill" Downing feels better. He heard this morning over the wire that his partner McNurney was a passenger homeward bound on the Humboldt which sailed from Seattle this morning at nine. Must be that "Mac" went broke earlier than he expected, as the last word from him was that he would stay south another couple of weeks.

The Misses Ethel Ellis and Cecilia Baronovitch, teachers on the West Coast have been registered at the Wrangell hotel this week. They will leave for their stations on this trip of the Uncle Dan.

The seasons work at the A. P. A. cannery is nearing the end, labeling and boxing now being the order of the day. The Star of England with the pack on board will sail probably about the 27th of the month.

The good ship Scripps bearing a hunting party headed by Charles Bryant has been at the mouth of the river for the past day or two.

Jack Worden finished up some exceptionally fine pictures this week for Jake George and Moses Shakes, showing the good catch of furs they made this last season.

Patenaude carries the best in Cigars, Tobaccos, Pipes, and Smokers' supplies in general.

Oscar Anderson, who has been in the employ of Hyland & Belfrey at Telegraph Creek for several years, was a passenger south on one of the boats this week, whither he goes for the winter.

Capt. John Johnson and wife have moved back into their own house near the Episcopal Church.

Camped Out All Night

The launch Ira returned from a hunting trip, Tuesday night, on which two of the hunters hunted a man instead of deer. It was this way. The latter part of last week Messrs. Ensley, Kincaid and Gadd fared forth in the Ira to hunt deer on Zarembo Island. They arrived at their destination after a while, during which time Joe took the engine to pieces a few less than a dozen times. The next morning out they went for deer, and Ensley and Gadd each brought in one, arriving in camp about four o'clock. Five o'clock came and Kincaid had not arrived. Six then seven and then darkness and still no Kincaid. Those in camp were getting a little worried by this time and started the customary firing to direct the wonderer home, until they had discharged all the shells they had, and then were compelled to quit. The next morning as soon as daylight appeared they went out to look for him, and met him a little way out from camp, headed for home. He had gotten lost as to direction, and had spent the night wondering where he was. The party immediately set sail for home and arrived right side up with care, and now Kincaid says that he will never kick on paying \$5.00 for a venison carcass, as they are worth all that and more.

Chew Yee was turned loose by the Grand Jury at Juneau, last week, to whom he was held on the charge of disposing of opium. He is one of the Chinese from the Wrangell cannery.

Dr. Emery who has been over on the west coast of Prince of Wales Island for the past three weeks is expected home shortly.

Going Out After Fur

The stores have been quite busy these last few days, putting up outfits for the first fur hunters, who are preparing to go up the river for the fall catch. Word comes down the river to the effect that the fur this season promises to be of the best. The first batch of trappers expect to be gone six weeks or two months.

Who's The Laugh On?

Ever since Mrs. Leo Patenaude went south, Capt. Svendsen and "Pat" have been batching, the former officiating as chef. Early last week Jack Mantell came up from his saltery, and Pat, anxious to see that he got at least one good square meal, invited him up to dinner, without telling the cook anything of the invitation. Upstairs the two went at the appointed time, and behold there was just a hash dinner, and as Capt. Svendsen knew, not an oversupply of that, as they were cleaning up scraps, and what was plenty for two was none too much for three. The meal was finished and after a visit Jack went out to attend to the matters which had brought him to town. Some little time later Pat met him on the street and told him that he had heard from Judge Snyder that Jack had said that he had had so little to eat that he had been compelled to go to the Olympic restaurant for a meal. Jack, of course, denied the impeachment, and threatened death and desolation on the Judge, who later met him and denied having said anything of the kind. So the question now is, who is the laugh on, Capt. Svendsen, Pat, Jack or the Judge?

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